

REMARKS

It is noted the subject written Action repeats an earlier oral Election Requirement raised by the Examiner, to which Applicant's Attorney responded, by telephone, on February 25, 2004.

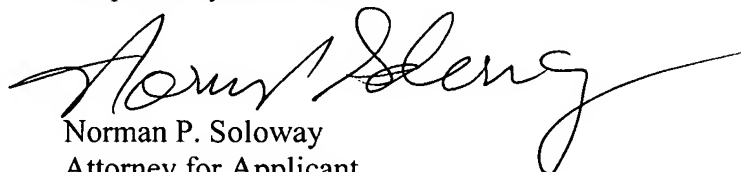
Provisional election is hereby made to prosecute the invention of Species B, i.e., Fig. 11, comprising claims 7 and 15-23.

It is requested that, without further action thereon, the remaining claims be retained in this Application pending disposition of the Application, and for possible rejoinder or for filing of a further divisional application.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

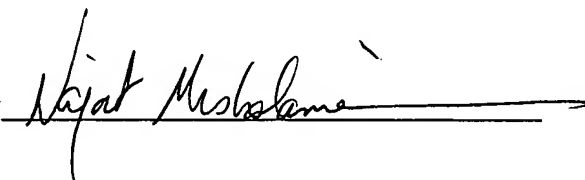
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